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FOLLOWING REPEAT BARCELONA 212 ACTION SECSTATE INFO MADRID  
MAR 17.

QUOTE: UNCLAS BARCELONA 0212

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CPRS, CASC, SP (ROWE, STEPHEN C)

SUBJ: PROPERTY PROTECTION: STEPHEN C. ROWE

REF: STATE 21217 BARCELONA 0071

1. CONSULAR OFFICER TRAVELED TO MALLORCA TO CONSULT WITH  
SPANISH NAVAL AUTHORITIES IN EFFORT TO CLARIFY STATUS  
OF TRIMARAN BELONGING TO STEPHEN C. ROWE.

2. BASED ON CONVERSATION, POST HAS SUBMITTED LETTER  
COVERING FOLLOWING POINTS: (1) THAT DOCUMENTS FOUND IN  
TRIMARAN, WHICH INCLUDES BILL OF SALE, ESTABLISH VESSEL  
AS BELONGING TO STEPHEN C. ROWE, (2) THAT ROWE BELIEVED  
LOST AT SEA, (3) THAT ROWE BELIEVED SINGLE WITH PARENTS  
ONLY LEGAL HEIRS, AND (4) THAT PARENTS, AS NOK, SUBMITTING  
NOTARIZED STATEMENT REGARDING RELATIONSHIP AND ENTITLEMENT  
TO ESTATE AS LEGAL HEIRS.

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3. ONE POINT FOUR ABOGETAF BEEN CLARIFIES TRIMARAN WILL  
BE TURNED OVER TO PERSON NAMED AS LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE.  
ALTHOUGH NO SALVAGE COMPANY AS SUCH EXISTS, IT BELIEVED  
LEGAL REP WOULD NOT ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTY WITH DISPOSAL.  
VESSEL HAS BEEN APPRAISED AT 300 THOUSAND PESETAS (ABOUT  
DOLLARS 3,700.00).

4. DOCUMENTS FOUND ABOARD BEING RETAINED BY AUTHORITIES UNTIL FINAL RESOLUTION OF CASE, WITH EXCEPTION OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE ADDRESS BOOK. THIS, AS WELL AS PHOTOCOPIES OF BILL OF SALE AND INSURANCE DOCUMENT BEING SENT DIRECTLY TO NOK

5. AS REQUESTED POST HAS CHECKED WITH CLUB REAL NAUTICO IN PALMA DE MALLORCA AND IBIZA BUT NO RECORD THAT MAIL RECEIVED FOR ROWE AT EITHER PLACE. IN ADDITION POST HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED BY ISLAND POLICE THAT ROWE NEVER CHECKED INTO PUBLIC ACCOMODATION.

6. FINAL POINT BEING STUDIED BY AUTHORITIES IS WHETHER PERSON WHO FIRST SIGHTED CRAFT DRIFTING OFF COAST OF MALLORCA IS ENTITLED TO ONE THIRD OF VALUE AS PRESCRIBED BY INTERNATIONAL LAW. ALTHOUGH POST DOES NOT BELIEVE LAW APPLICABLE, NAVAL AUTHORITIES INSISTBDLGSD TO HIGHER AUTHORITY IN CARTAGENA ON MAINLAND AND THEY WILL ADVISE. HOWEVER, NONE OF THIS PRECLUDES PROCEEDING AS STATED PARA 3.

7. AS THERE DOES NOT APPEAR THAT ROWE SURVIVED, POST WILL PREPARE FORM 180 AS PRESCRIBED IN 7 FAM 441.5. SINN UNQUOTE COOPER

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